

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

Claims 1-16 (canceled)

17. (currently amended): A method for printing an image on a printing paper by a printer, comprising the steps of:

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accommodating a printing paper in an accommodating portion;
conveying the printing paper from said accommodating portion to a recording device by a conveying device by nipping margins of the printing paper;
printing an image on the printing paper by the recording device;
conveying the printing paper from the recording device to a discharging portion by the conveying device by nipping margins of the printing paper; and
discharging the printing paper with ~~an~~ the image printed thereon to the discharging portion,

wherein the printing paper includes at least one printing portion and the margins, and a print is formed by detaching the at least one printing portion from the printing paper after the printing paper with ~~an~~ the image printed thereon is discharged to the discharging portion; and

wherein the step of conveying the printing paper from the accommodating portion to the recording device is performed by nipping the printing paper at substantially spaced apart locations so as to avoid nipping the at least one printing portion of the printing paper.

18. (original): A method according to claim 17, wherein, by setting a predetermined value for the sum of a thickness of a printing material, a thickness of a base material, and a thickness of an adhesive layer, a predetermined value is set for the nipping pressure at which the margins are nipped by the conveying device.

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19. (original): A method according to claim 17, wherein the recording device is set to print an image on the at least one printing portion of the printing paper, and the margins allow for errors generated when the recording device prints an image on the printing paper.

20. (original): A method according to claim 17, wherein the margins are provided along a direction in which the conveying device conveys the printing paper.

21. (new): The method according to claim 17, wherein the step of conveying the printing paper from the recording device to the discharging portion is performed by nipping the printing paper at substantially spaced apart locations so as to avoid nipping the image receiving portion of the printing paper.

22. (new): The method according to claim 17, wherein the steps of conveying the printing paper from said accommodating portion to the recording device and from the recording device to the discharging portion are performed by nipping the printing paper only in the margins so as to avoid nipping the image receiving portion of the printing paper.

23. (new): The method according to claim 17, wherein the printing paper that is conveyed comprises:

at least one intermittent cut line in which a plurality of cut portions and a plurality of separating portions separating the plurality of cut portions are alternately formed; the at least one intermittent cut line is formed along only one direction of the printing paper that is orthogonal to a conveying direction of the printing paper within the recording device; and

a continuous cut line extending in a longitudinal direction of the printing paper and orthogonal to the at least one intermittent cut line.

24. (new): The method according to claim 17, wherein the printing paper that is conveyed comprises:

a printing material having a printing portion;

a base material for supporting the printing material; and

an adhesive layer that removably adheres the printing material to the base material, the adhesive layer having substantially no adhesive strength remaining on the printing portion after the printing portion is detached from the printing material;

wherein the printing portion is detached from the printing material so as to form a finished print;

wherein the at least one printing portion is defined by at least one intermittent cut line in which a plurality of cut portions and a plurality of separating portions separating the plurality of cut portions are alternately formed; and wherein the at least one intermittent cut line is formed

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along only one direction of the printing paper that is orthogonal to a conveying direction of the printing paper within the recording device and extends substantially along an entire side of the printing portion;

wherein the printing portion is further defined by a continuous cut line penetrating the printing material and extending in a longitudinal direction of the printing paper, orthogonal to the at least one intermittent cut line, and substantially along another entire side of the printing portion;

wherein the continuous cut line and the at least one cut line do not cut through the base material, and the at least one printing portion is detached from the printing material along the at least one intermittent cut line and the continuous cut line; and

wherein the printing paper is an individual sheet configured to be fed in a printer, the printer being for print media that are individually fed in the printer.

25. (new): The method according to claim 17, wherein the printing paper is a first printing paper, and the method further comprises the steps of:

accommodating a second printing paper in the accommodating portion;

conveying the second printing paper from the accommodating portion to the recording device by the conveying device by nipping margins of the second printing paper;

printing a second image on the second printing paper by the recording device;

conveying the second printing paper from the recording device to the discharging portion by the conveying device by nipping margins of the second printing paper; and

discharging the second printing paper with the second image printed thereon to the discharging portion,

wherein the second printing paper includes at least one printing portion and respective margins, and a second print is formed by detaching the at least one printing portion from the second printing paper after the second printing paper with the second image printed thereon is discharged to the discharging portion; and

wherein the step of conveying the second printing paper from the accommodating portion to the recording device is performed by nipping the second printing paper at substantially spaced apart locations so as to avoid nipping the at least one printing portion of the second printing paper.

26. (new): The method according to claim 25, wherein

the first printing paper comprises a first base material layer, a first adhesive layer, and a first printing material layer;

the second printing paper comprises a second base material layer, a second adhesive layer, and a second printing material layer; and

wherein the overall thickness of the first printing paper is substantially equal to that of the second printing paper, with at least two layers of the first printing paper each having a substantially different thickness than the corresponding layers of the second printing paper.

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27. (new): The method according to claim 23, wherein the recording device prints an image on the at least one printing portion of the printing paper, such that the printed image traverses at least one of the intermittent cut line and the continuous cut line.

28. (new): The method according to claim 17, wherein the printed image is a photograph.

29. (new): The method according to claim 17, wherein the printing paper is configured for use with a sublimation type heat transfer system recording device.
